



An Order and Declaration.

WHEREAS the pay of His Majesties Armies depends upon due satisfaction of the Arrears of former Assessments, and of the Assessment of One hundred thousand pounds by the month, now collecting by vertue of an Act for six months, beginning the Twenty fifth of December last past, and ending the Twenty fourth of June next, and other Revenues due by Reculants and others; whereof, if punctual and timely payment be not made, (though not originally imposed by such an Authority as was Legal) the Soldiers will be necessitated upon Free Quarter, to the great oppression of the several Counties: Out of a tender care therefore to prevent so great an inconvenience to the Country, and discouragement to the Soldiery, and to promote His Majesties present service, The Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, do hereby Order and Declare in respect of the instant necessity, there being no other way to avoid the Inconveniencies herein mentioned, that the Commissioners for the Assessment in the several Counties, Cities and Places by vertue hereof, do proceed effectually for the getting in of all Arrears of Assessments, and of the Monys unpaid upon the said Act, or any other Act, according to the proportions and powers therein contained; and all Collectors and other persons whatsoever, charged with the gathering or payment of any part thereof, are forthwith (all pretences and excuses to the contrary set aside) to satisfy and pay their several and respective Proportions according to the directions of the said Acts, as they will avoid such penalties, as will necessarily fall upon them in case of their refusal, and the further displeasure of the Parliament; And it is further Ordered and Declared, That all Receivers, and other Officers and Persons, as well Tenants as others whatsoever, concerned in the Receipt or Payment of any part of the Revenue, do make due Accompts and Payments of what they and every of them are charged with, or liable to, as they will be answerable for their contempt and neglect, in a time when His Majesties and the Kingdoms service and occasions requires, the most punctual satisfaction of what is respectively due from them; And the Receipt of the several Treasurers appointed for the said Assessments, and the Officers of the Exchequer thereunto appointed respectively, shall be a sufficient discharge to all Person and Persons that shall make payment of any Sum or Sums of Money by vertue hereof.

Thursday, 17 May. 1660.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, that this Order and Declaration be forthwith Printed and Published.

W. JESSOP, Clerk of the Commons House of Parliament.